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I am terribly disappointed with the results of the Microsoft antitrust case. This company has built success upon continued thievery of technology developed by other companies and elimination of the source by use of its market share and domineering practices. These are the facts found in the case before some under-the-table dealings ensured the verdict didn't stand and the company was let off with a settlement.

When the trial had begun, I was under the impression that justice would at last be served against a company bent on forcing its products upon all people by way of existing ones and eliminating all competition. The main example I cite for this is the inception of the Internet Explorer web browser, which was released for free on two major computing platforms in the sole interest of destroying such competitors as Netscape, who must charge money for their web browser to stay in business. The especially bothersome part was releasing their browser for the Macintosh when they make no profit from the sales of such systems, and therefore have nothing to truly gain by eliminating other browsers on that platform.

The Microsoft megalith not only makes inferior products, as can be proven by numerous security and stability flaws, but exponentially increases the variety and inferiority of such products. Why must Microsoft now include its instant messenger within Windows XP, with no option for removal I might add, and why must XP continually harass its users to sign up for Passport, a technology that's bound to make its members vulnerable to numerous security breeches, since knowing someone's Passport information allows one to hack into personal information of that member on a number of web sites.

Big business is running this country more and more. The government is losing power to business as we are told to embrace our rich, fat cat friends as the lifeblood of America, no matter how much the CEOs make in comparison to the average laborer in one of their sweat shops. Having worked at such jobs, I can say Capitalism is a failure in the liberal sense, in that the lowest class workers can't even live on the wages of a single job of that type. These people are lucky to be able to own a home in our present economic conditions. I'm tired of big business being the only successful force in this nation.

Capitalism is a failure.